

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of Claims in the Application.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 5, 7 to 11 and 13 as follows:

1(Twice Amended). Curtain mounting brackets for curtain rods for use with conventional blind bracket mounting devices of a blind assembly for attaching one or more curtain rods thereon in order to hold a curtain and/or valance thereto, comprising:

a) a first bracket housing including a first holding wall member having an upper channel, a lower channel, a first side perimeter edge and a second side perimeter edge;

b) said first holding wall member having mounted thereon a an outer first curtain rod holding prong member and a an inner second curtain rod holding prong member;

c) said upper channel for engaging and being joined to an upper receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device, and said lower channel for engaging and being joined to a lower receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device in order to interlock said upper and lower channels of said first bracket within said upper and lower receiving channels of the conventional blind bracket mounting device for preventing one end of the blind assembly from falling out of the blind bracket mounting device;

d) a second bracket housing including a second holding wall member having an upper channel, a lower channel, a third side perimeter edge and a fourth side perimeter edge;

e) said second holding wall member having mounted thereon a an outer third curtain rod holding prong member and a an inner fourth curtain rod holding prong member;

f) said upper channel for engaging and being joined to an upper receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device, and said lower channel for engaging and being joined to a lower receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device in order to interlock said upper and lower channels of said second bracket within said upper and lower receiving channels of the conventional blind bracket mounting device for preventing the other end of the blind assembly from falling out of the blind bracket mounting device;

g) said curtain rod holding prong members are for receiving one or more curtain rods thereon; and

h) said interlocking of said upper and lower channels of said first and second brackets within each of the upper and lower receiving channels of the conventional blind bracket mounting devices, respectively, such that one or more curtain rods attached to said first and second brackets can hold in excess of five (5) pounds of weight of valances, curtains or drapes when in an assembled state and in operational use thereof.

2(Cancelled). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said integrally connected first curtain rod holding element includes an outer first holding prong member being integrally attached to said first side perimeter edge and an inner second holding prong member being integrally attached to said second side perimeter edge.

3(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 2 1, wherein said outer first curtain rod holding prong member includes a first side wall having an upper first prong tab member thereon, and said inner second curtain rod holding prong member includes a second side wall having an upper second prong tab member thereon.

4(Cancelled). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said integrally connected second curtain rod holding element includes an outer third holding prong member being integrally attached to said third side perimeter edge and an inner fourth holding prong member being integrally attached to said fourth side perimeter edge.

5(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 4 1, wherein said outer third curtain rod holding prong member includes a third side wall having an upper third prong tab member thereon, and said inner fourth holding prong member includes a fourth side wall having an upper fourth curtain rod prong tab member thereon.

6(Original). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 5, wherein said upper second and fourth prong tab members of said inner second and fourth holding prong members are used to receive an inner first flat curtain rod thereon, and said upper first and third prong tab members of said outer first and third holding prong members are used to receive an outer second flat curtain rod thereon.

7(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 2 1, wherein said outer first and third holding prong members are centrally positioned on said first and third side perimeter edges of said first and second holding wall members, respectively.

8(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 4 1, wherein said inner second and fourth holding prong members are centrally positioned on said second and fourth side perimeter edges of said first and second holding wall members, respectively.

9(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 2 1, wherein said outer first and inner first holding prong members on said first holding wall member are in a parallel relationship with each other.

10(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 4 1, wherein said outer second and inner second holding prong members on said second holding wall member are in a parallel relationship with each other.

11(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said ~~integrally connected first curtain rod holding element~~ first holding wall member includes a first holding arm member having a first set of one or more rod holding sections therein, said first set of one or more rod holding sections of said first holding arm member for holding in place one end of a cylindrical curtain rod.

12(Original). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 11, wherein said first holding arm member is centrally located on said first holding wall member:

13(Amended). Curtain mounting bracket in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said ~~integrally connected second curtain rod holding element~~ second holding wall member includes a second holding arm member having a second set of one or more rod holding sections therein, said second set of one or more rod holding sections of said second holding arm member for holding in place the other end of a cylindrical curtain rod.

14(Original). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 13, wherein said second holding arm member is centrally located on said second holding wall member.

15(Original). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 13, wherein said first and second holding arm members are used for holding in place the end sections of one or more cylindrical curtain rods in a parallel relationship with each other.

16(Original). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 13, wherein said first and second holding arm members on said first and second holding wall members are in a parallel relationship with each other.

17(Original). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 13, wherein said first and second holding arm members are at a 90° degree angle with respect to said first and second holding wall members, respectively.

18(Original). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 13, wherein said holding arm members include two or more rod holding sections for holding two or more cylindrical curtain rods thereon.

19(Original). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said brackets can be made from durable, rigid moldable plastics from light-weight stamped metals.

20(Cancelled). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said brackets can hold in excess of five (5) pounds of weight when in an assembled state and in operational use thereof.

21(Cancelled). Curtain mounting brackets for curtain rods for use with conventional blind bracket mounting devices of a blind assembly for attaching one or more flat curtain rods thereon in order to hold a curtain and/or valance thereto, comprising:

a) a first bracket housing including a first holding wall member having an upper first perimeter edge with an upper first retaining tab member thereon, a lower first perimeter edge with a lower first retaining tab member thereon, a first side perimeter edge and a second side perimeter edge;

b) said first holding wall member having attached thereto an outer first holding prong member having a first side wall with an upper first prong tab member thereon, and said first holding wall member having attached thereto an inner second holding prong member having a second side wall with an upper second prong tab member thereon;

c) said upper first retaining tab member of said first holding wall member for engaging and being joined to an upper receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device, and said lower retaining tab member of said first holding wall member for engaging and being joined to a lower receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device for preventing one end of the blind assembly from falling out of the blind bracket mounting devices;

d) a second bracket housing including a second holding wall member having an upper second perimeter edge with an upper second retaining tab member thereon, and a lower second perimeter edge with a lower second retaining tab member thereon, a third side perimeter edge and a fourth side perimeter edge;

e) said second holding wall member having attached thereto an outer third holding prong member having a third side wall with an upper third prong tab member thereon, and said second holding wall member having attached thereto an inner fourth holding prong member having a fourth side wall with an upper fourth prong tab member thereon;

f) said upper second retaining tab member of said second holding wall member for engaging and being joined to an upper receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device, and said lower second retaining tab member of said second holding wall member for engaging and being joined to a lower receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device for preventing the other end of the blind assembly from falling out of the blind bracket mounting device; and

g) said upper second and fourth prong tab members of said inner second and fourth holding prong members receive the inner first flat curtain rod thereon, and said upper first and third prong tab members of said outer first and third holding prong members receive the outer second flat curtain rod thereon.

22(Cancelled). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 21, wherein said outer first and third holding prong members are centrally positioned on said first and third side perimeter edges of said first and second holding wall members, respectively.

23(Cancelled). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 21, wherein said inner second and fourth holding prong members are centrally positioned on said second and fourth side perimeter edges of said first and second holding wall members, respectively.

24(Cancelled). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 21, wherein said outer first and inner first holding prong members on said first holding wall member are in a parallel relationship with each other.

25(Cancelled). Blind curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 21, wherein said outer second and inner second holding prong members on said second holding wall member are in a parallel relationship with each other.

26(Cancelled). Blind curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 21, wherein said brackets can be made from durable, rigid moldable plastics or from light-weight stamped metals.

27(Cancelled). Blind curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 21, wherein said brackets can hold in excess of five (5) pounds of weight when in an assembled state and in operational use thereof.

28(Cancelled). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 21, wherein said holding wall members have a height dimension of $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches, a width dimension of $\frac{7}{8}$ of an inch and a wall thickness in the range of $\frac{1}{32}$ to $\frac{1}{16}$ of an inch.

29(Cancelled). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 21, wherein each of said holding prong members have a height dimension of $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch, a width dimension of $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch, and a wall thickness dimension in the range of $\frac{1}{32}$ to $\frac{1}{16}$ of an inch.

30(Cancelled). Blind curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 21, wherein each of said holding wall members include two or more of said holding prong members.

31(Previously Amended). Curtain mounting brackets for curtain rods for use with conventional blind bracket mounting devices of a blind assembly for attaching one or more cylindrical curtain rods thereon in order to hold a curtain and/or valance thereto, comprising:

a) a first bracket housing including a first holding wall member having an upper channel, and a lower channel;

b) said first holding wall member having a first holding arm member mounted thereon with a first set of one or more rod holding sections therein, said first set of one or more rod holding sections of said first holding arm member for holding in place one end of the cylindrical curtain rod;

c) said upper channel of said first holding wall member for engaging and being joined to an upper receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device, and said lower channel of said first holding wall member for engaging and being joined to a lower receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device in order to interlock said upper and lower channels of said first bracket within said upper and lower receiving channels of the conventional blind bracket mounting device for preventing one end of the blind assembly from falling out of the blind bracket mounting devices;

d) a second bracket housing including a second holding wall member having an upper channel, and a lower channel;

e) said second holding wall member having a second holding arm member mounted thereon with a second set of one or more rod holding sections therein, said second set of one or more rod holding sections of said second holding arm member for holding in place the other end of the cylindrical curtain rod;

f) said upper channel of said second holding wall member for engaging and being joined to an upper receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device, and said lower channel of said second holding wall member for engaging and being joined to a lower receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device in order to interlock said upper and lower channels of said second bracket within said upper and lower receiving channels of the conventional blind bracket mounting device for preventing the other end of the blind assembly from falling out of the blind bracket mounting device;

g) said first and second holding arm members for holding in place the ends of one or more cylindrical curtain rods in a parallel relationship with each other; and

h) said interlocking of said upper and lower channels of said first and second brackets within each of the upper and lower receiving channels of the conventional blind bracket mounting devices, respectively, such that one or more curtain rods attached to said first and second brackets can hold in excess of five (5) pounds of weight of valances, curtains or drapes when in an assembled state and in operational use thereof

32(Original). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 31, wherein said first and second holding arm members on said first and second holding wall members are in a parallel relationship with each other.

33(Original). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 31, wherein said first and second holding arm members are at a 90° angle with respect to said first and second holding wall members, respectively.

34(Original). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 31, wherein said holding arm members include two or more rod holding sections for holding two or more cylindrical curtain rods.

35(Original). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 31, wherein said brackets can be made from durable, rigid moldable plastics or from light-weight stamped metals.

36(Cancelled). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 31, wherein said brackets can be hold in excess of five (5) pounds of weight when in an assembled state and in operational use thereof.

37(Original). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 31, wherein said holding wall members have a height dimension of $1 \frac{1}{4}$ inches, a width dimension of $\frac{7}{8}$ of an inch and a wall thickness in the range of $\frac{1}{32}$ to $\frac{1}{16}$ of an inch.

38(Original). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 31, wherein each of said holding arm members have a length dimension of $1 \frac{1}{2}$ inches and a width dimension of $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch..

39(Original). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 31, wherein each of said holding arm members have a length dimension of $2 \frac{1}{2}$ inches and a width dimension of $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch.

40(Original). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 31, wherein each of said rod holding sections are semi-circular in shape and has a diameter in the range of $\frac{7}{16}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch.

41(Original). Curtain mounting bracket in accordance with Claim 31, wherein said first holding arm member on said first holding wall member is centrally located and integrally attached to said first holding wall member.

42(Original). Curtain mounting bracket in accordance with Claim 31, wherein said second holding arm member on said second holding wall member is centrally located and integrally attached to said second holding wall member.

43(Original). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each of said upper and lower channels of each of said first and second holding wall members is U-shaped for slidably receiving each of said upper and lower receiving channels, respectively.

44(Cancelled). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each of said upper and lower receiving channels of each of the blind bracket mounting devices has a locking lip for preventing each of said first and second holding wall members from falling out of the blind bracket mounting devices.